

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescent device equipped with comprising:
 - a substrate having a surface,
 - a metallic structure incorporated into the substrate, and
 - a layer assembly on the surface of the substrate, the layer assembly comprising at least a first electrode, an electroluminescent layer and a second electrode,
 - wherein the metallic structure is in electrical contact with the first electrode, and a layer resistance of the metallic structure is lower than a layer resistance of the first electrode,
 - wherein light travels through the first electrode and the substrate to an observer, and
 - wherein a width of the metallic structure that obstructs the

~~light form the viewer from the observer is not more than 10% of portions of the surface of the substrate that are in contact with the first electrode.~~

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a layer thickness of the metallic structure is greater than a layer thickness of the first electrode.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metallic structure exhibits a structure selected from the group of strips, grids, wavy lines, zigzag lines and sawtooth lines.

6. (Previously Presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein a pattern of the metallic structure matches an existing pattern in the layer assembly.